

App. No. : 10/005,024
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REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment claims 17, 19 and 23 have been amended and claim 18 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. In addition, the specification has been amended to correct several minor informalities.

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephone interview conducted on August 5, 2003. During that interview the Examiner pointed out minor informalities in the specification, indicated that the incorporation of the limitations of claim 18 into claim 17 would put claim 17 in condition for allowance and pointed out an objection to the form of claim 23. By the foregoing amendments each of the suggestions of the Examiner has been implemented. Applicants respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that there are any further impediments to allowance of the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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